

Peer Review Plan for the Species Status Assessment for the Ione manzanita (*Arctostaphylos myrtifolia*) and Ione Buckwheat (*Eriogonum apricum*)

About the Document

Title: Species Status Assessment for the Ione manzanita (*Arctostaphylos myrtifolia*) and Ione Buckwheat (*Eriogonum apricum*)

Description: This document summarizes the results of the Species Status Assessment (SSA) for the Ione manzanita and Ione buckwheat. The SSA assessed the Ione manzanita and Ione buckwheat at an individual, population, and species level in order to determine whether the species can maintain its persistence into the future. This report includes information about Ione manzanita and Ione buckwheat ecology and evaluates the current condition of the species, including the significant past, current, and future influences that are affecting Ione manzanita and Ione buckwheat viability. The document also includes an assessment of the changes in species' viability that might occur in three probable future scenarios. The SSA report is intended to be a living document upon which other documents, such as recovery plans and 5-year reviews, will be based. This SSA report was developed to inform a recovery plan.

Estimate Date of the Final Document: June 2020

About the Peer Review Process

Type of Review: Peer review requests will be sent individually to potential peer reviewers, via email.

Anticipated number of reviewers: Responses are anticipated from three peer reviewers.

Selection of Peer Reviewers: Service staff not responsible for developing the SSA will select peer reviewers based on their expertise with the subject matter. Peer reviewers will not be compensated for their time. Current Service employees will not be peer reviewers.

Reviewer expertise: Expertise sought for the review includes familiarity with the life history, threats, and habitat requirements for the requested species; conservation biology; conservation genetics; or familiarity with similar species.

Estimated start and end dates for peer review: December 2019 – January 2019

Will the public and/or scientific or professional societies be asked to nominate peer reviewers? No

Are waivers or deferrals being invoked? No

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About Public Participation

This peer review plan is made available to allow the public to monitor our compliance with the Office of Management and Budget's Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review. The final SSA Report is not a decision document requiring public review. However, the final version will be made available to the public on the Environmental Conservation Online System (ECOS) website ([Link for ECOS species profile: Ione manzanita](#) and [Link for ECOS species profile: Ione buckwheat](#)).

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